

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ATSINGER EDWARD G III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORP /DE/ [SALM]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CEO and President		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/21/2003					
4880 SANTA ROSA RD								
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
CAMARILLO, CA 93012								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	07/21/2003		J		100,000	A	\$ 16.22	120,000 (1) (2)	I	By Atsinger Family 2003 Trust (3)
Class A Common Stock								3,250,452	I	By Edward G. Atsinger III Trust (4)
Class A Common Stock								1,175,078	I	By Ted Atsinger Irrevocable Trust (5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

ATSINGER EDWARD G III 4880 SANTA ROSA RD CAMARILLO, CA 93012	X	X	CEO and President	
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Signatures

Edward G. Atsinger III		03/15/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Pursuant to a Purchase Agreement, dated July 21, 2003, 100,000 shares of Common Stock were sold by Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Edward G. Atsinger III Trust to Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Atsinger Family 2003 Trust.
On July 20, 2003, Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Edward G. Atsinger III Trust gifted 20,000 shares of Common Stock to Edward G. Atsinger III, individually.
- (2) Immediately, thereafter, Edward G. Atsinger III, individually, gifted 20,000 shares of Common Stock to Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Atsinger Family 2003 Trust.
- (3) Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Atsinger Family 2003 Trust.
- (4) Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Edward G. Atsinger III Trust.
- (5) Edward G. Atsinger III, as Trustee of the Ted Atsinger Irrevocable Trust for all purposes other than voting matters.

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